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P R 140530Z AUG 74  
FM AMCONSUL MELBOURNE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2302  
INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETRN, EAIR, AS  
SUBJECT: CIVAIR: USER CHARGES

REF: STATE 171373

1. CONGEN HAS REPLIED TO PHILLIPS' LETTER INCLUDING ALL POINTS NOTED IN REFTEL. HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED PROBLEM WITH OFFICIALS IN BOTH INTERNATIONAL DIVISION AND POLICY AND LICENSING DIVISION.
  2. HAVE RECEIVED VERBAL INFORMAL REPLY THAT ATG FINDS IT IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD MEETINGS WEEK OF AUGUST 26. REASONS ADVANCED ARE INSUFFICIENT TIME TO OBTAIN CANBERRA FINANCIAL APPROVAL FOR THE TRAVEL.
  3. SAME OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT ATG WOULD PREFER INFORMAL TALKS DURING FORTHCOMING ICAO MEETINGS. WHEN PRESSED AGREED THAT IF NECESSARY COULD HOLD FORMAL TALKS AFTER ICAO MEETING USING SAME DELEGATION. AT PRESENT NO NAME AVAILABE AS POTENTIAL DELEGATES.
  4. COMMENT: ATG REMAINS VAGUE, AS IT HAS SINCE USER CHARGES PROBLEM FIRST RAISED, WHEN IT COMES TO SPECIFYING A TIME, PLACE OR CONTENT OF MEETING ON SUBJECT. DECISIONS AS SUCH HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TO GET EVER SINCE SIR
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DONALD ANDERSON RETIRED AND WAS ESSENTIALLY REPLACED

BY A STRONG CABINET MINISTER AND HIS PERSONALLY  
SELECTED ASSISTANT IN CANBERRA. THE LAS, UNEXPECTED  
ELECTION ALSO CREATED PROBLEMS, WHILE PRESENT  
RELUCTANCE MIGHT BE BASED ON A "WAIT AND SEE" APPROACH  
UNTIL THE NEW FEDERAL BUDGET, TO BE ANNOUNCED IN  
SEPTEMBER CLARIFIES THE SITUATION. MINISTER JONES  
HAS BEEN IN FAVOR OF INCREASED CHARGES (SEE NEWSPAPER  
ARTICLES FROM "THE AUSTRALIAN" DATED JULY 15, POUCHED  
UNDER TRANSMITTAL SLIP DATED JULY 22; "THE ADVERTISER"  
DATED JULY 17, POUCHED UNDER TRANSMITTAL SLIP DATED  
JULY 25; AND "AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL REVIEW" DATED  
AUGUST 13, DESPATCHED BY INTERNATIONAL MAIL  
AUGUST 14).

5. UNLESS THERE IS DRASTIC REVISION IN PRESENT  
THINKING, ATG WILL NOT AGREE TO AUGUST 26 MEETINGS OR  
PERHAPS NOT EVEN TO ANYTHING OTHER THAN INFORMAL TALKS  
DURING THE ICAO MEETING. WILL FORWARD PHILLIPS' REPLY  
UPON RECEIPT.  
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